

For more information:

VA provides benefits to Veterans ranging from compensation for service connected disabilities, medical care, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services, insurance, to burial benefits. For more information about general VA benefits, you may call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov.



The Benefits
Delivery at
Discharge (BDD)
Program was
initiated to provide

separating service members with a *Smooth Transition from Military to Civilian Life*. For specific information about the Hampton Roads BDD Program, you may call the coordinator at 757-441-6762, ext. 13. You may also contact the Military Service Coordinators {NMC Portsmouth: (757) 953-2598/2603, or Hampton VA Medical Center: (757)

Transitioning to Civilian life?
Important Information Inside

Hampton Roads Benefits Delivery at Discharge Program

*An explanation of the Hampton Roads
Benefits Delivery at -Discharge (BDD)
Program, its benefits to service members,
and program policies and procedures.*



Regional Office
210 Franklin Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24011

Phone: 1-800-827-1000
VA Website: www.va.gov
Hampton Roads BDD Website:
www.vba-roanoke.com/bdd/

July 2003

What is the Benefits Delivery at Discharge Program?

The Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) Program is part of a joint VA-DoD venture to ensure a smooth transition for separating service members and to share valuable medical resources. This initiative originated in 1998 and is known in other areas as the Pre-Discharge Program or the Pre-Separation Program. This program allows separating service members to begin the process of applying for VA compensation for service connected disabilities prior to separation. Applying

before discharge can cut months off the process.



What is a Service Connected

Disability and How are

Veterans Compensated? A service connected disability can be any chronic or recurring injury or illness that happened or was aggravated while on active duty. VA compensation for service connected disability can come in the form of monetary payment, priority for free medical care, vocational rehabilitation and employment services, waiver of the VA funding fee for home mortgages and Veterans Preference for

What are the Requirements for the Hampton Roads Program?

Navy and Marine Corps members stationed in the Hampton Roads area may apply if they have from six months to sixty days left on active duty. They must have a minimum of sixty days left in the area to complete their VA exam. They begin the process by completing a VA Form 21-526, Application for Compensation. These forms are available online, through the VA representatives at TAP, through the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and through other Veteran Service Organizations such as the DAV and AmVets. These same organizations are available to assist service members with completing the form. Service organization phone numbers may be found in the local phone book.

What Must Service Members do After Submitting the Application?

After submitting their application to BDD personnel, service members have three primary obligations:

1. Attend the VA exam appointment.
2. Submit the original service medical and dental records to the VA representatives in Hampton Roads no later than 30 days after separation.
3. Submit a court certified copy of DD Form 214 page 4 to the VA representatives in Hampton Roads no later than 30 days after separation.

Failure to meet these obligations will result in dis-enrollment from the BDD Program. The current VA national average for non-BDD Program claims processing is twelve to sixteen months.

When applying for compensation, service members may also apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services.

What's the Advantage?

BDD claims are given priority in processing. Applying for compensation prior to discharge allows our deserving Veterans to transition out of the service with seamless coverage of their earned benefits.



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Regional Office
210 Franklin Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24011

Phone: 1-800-827-1000
VA Website: www.va.gov
Hampton Roads BDD Website:
www.vba-roanoke.com/bdd/